

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) A shield material comprising:

a flexible element formed of a composite material ~~consisting~~ composed of an organic material and a dispersed material tungsten powder having a nuclear radiation-shielding ability; and a cloth-like sheet formed of a flame-resistant fiber selected from the group consisting of glass fiber, metal fiber, carbon fiber, and ceramic fiber and mixtures thereof;

wherein said flexible element is wrapped with said cloth-like sheet, and

~~wherein said dispersed material is a tungsten powder.~~

2-3 (canceled)

4. (canceled)

5. (original) A shield material as defined in claim 1, wherein said cloth-like sheet is coated with an air-impermeable coating material.

6-9 (canceled)

10. (currently amended) A shielding material comprising a reinforcing member attached ~~onto~~ to a shielding element ~~consisting~~ composed of an ~~elastic~~ flexible polymeric

organic compound in which is dispersed with a dispersed material tungsten powder having a nuclear radiation-shielding ability[[,]] ;  
~~wherein said dispersed material is a tungsten powder; and~~  
wherein said reinforcing member is attached to said shielding element ~~in such a manner as to be by being~~ compression-bonded thereto.

11. (currently amended) A shielding material comprising a reinforcing member attached ~~ente to~~ to a shielding element ~~consisting composed of an elastic a flexible~~ polymeric organic compound in which is dispersed a material a tungsten powder having a nuclear radiation-shielding ability[[,]] ; ~~wherein said dispersed material is a tungsten powder; and~~ wherein said reinforcing member is attached to said shielding element ~~in such a manner as to be by being~~ compression-bonded thereto between two divided pieces of said shielding element.

12. (currently amended) A shielding material comprising a reinforcing member attached ~~ente to~~ to a shielding element ~~consisting composed of an elastic a flexible~~ polymeric organic compound dispersed with a dispersed material tungsten powder having a nuclear radiation-shielding ability, and a cloth-like sheet which is wrapped around and bonded to the integral structure of said shielding element and said attached reinforcing member attached thereto; ~~wherein said dispersed material is a tungsten powder; and~~ wherein said cloth-like sheet is interweaved with a high-strength flame resistant fiber ~~which is either one selected from the group consisting of glass fiber, metal fiber, carbon fiber, and nylon ceramic fiber and mixtures thereof.~~

13. (currently amended) A shield material as defined in claim 1, wherein said composite material ~~consists essentially has about~~ of 60% dispersed material and about 40% organic material.

14. (currently amended) A shield shielding material as defined in claim 10, wherein ~~said dispersed material is a tungsten powder and said elastic flexible~~ polymeric organic

compound ~~consists~~ is composed of one of an elastomer ~~elastomeric~~ resin ~~or~~ and a vulcanized rubber.

15. (currently amended) A ~~shield~~ shielding material as defined in claim 10, wherein said reinforcement member is ~~at least one~~ selected from the group consisting of a film made of polyethylene, nylon or metal, and wire mesh formed of nylon fiber or metal fiber.

16. (currently amended) A ~~shield~~ shielding material as defined in claim 10, wherein said reinforcement member has a surface formed with at least one protrusion and is one of a plate-shaped ~~or~~ and rod-shaped member ~~having a surface formed with at least one~~ protrusion.

17. (currently amended) A ~~shield~~ shielding material as defined in claim 16, wherein said protrusion prevents the shielding element from being bent beyond a given bending angle.

18. (new) A shielding material as defined in claim 12, wherein said cloth-like sheet is coated with an air-impermeable coating material.